(b) Intallation of new exchanges is based on registered minimum demand of 10. In larger cities, opening of new exchanges is based on waiting list and geographical area required to be served. Accordingly new exchanges are opened based on these considerations. However, planning is done on the basis of expansion of network capacity which is installed either as new exchanges or expansion of existing exchanges. During the year 1992-93, it is proposed to add 11.44 lakh lines as per Annual Plan 1992-93. The plan for the year 1993-94 has not been finalised.

Allotment of telephones under M. P. Quota by forgoing signatures

1719. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3407 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th March, 1992 and state :

(a) what is the dates on which the complaints were received alongwith the names of the members regarding forged signatures for allotment of telephone connection under M.Ps. quota;

(b) whether sanction orders have since been cancelled ;

(c) if so, on what dates ;

(d) whether confirmation from these Members were not obtained before the issue of sanction orders ; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The required information is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) to (e) Cases have been registered with the Police for investigation. Cases in which telephones had been sanctioned prior to receipt of complaint of forgery, orders for cancellation were issued on the dates given below :

1. Kumari Sushila Tiriya, M.P. 29-10-91
2. Shri Pramod Mahajan, M. P. 23-1-92
3. Shri Bindeshwari Dubey; M.P. 20-2-92
4. Shri Bekal Utsahi, M. P. 24-3-92

Some cases were sanctioned during the tenure of previous Government, there was no practice of seeking confirmation at that time. The practice was started in July/ August 91 and later discontinued in view of complaints of delay from some Members of Parliament.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the M.P.	Date on which the complaints were made
	S/Shri	
1	Manjay Lal	25-7-91
2	Bindeshwari Dube	3-2-92
3	Ajit Jogi	22-2-92
4	N. Dennis	25-2,92
5	Ramashray Prasad Singh	17-9-91
6	Bekal Utsahi	9-3-92
7	Ram Prakash Chaudhury	26-9-91
8	Dr. (Kum.) Alia	24-7-91
9	Ms. Sushila Tiriya	25-10-91
10	Pramod Mahajan	26-12-91
11	P. R. Kumaramangalam, Minister of State for Law, Justice and Company Affairs.	16-4-92

Abolition of R.M.S. Sorting Offices under Orissa Postal Circle

1720. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the R.M.S. sorting offices, catering to the needs of rural people for expenditious delivery of dak, have been abolished or withdrawn under the Orissa Postal Circle during the year 1992 ;

(b) whether the department have received complaints from public and their representatives against this decision of closing down of R.M.S. sorting offices ; and

(c) If so, what is the decision of Government to meet the public demand of continuance of these R.M.S. sorting offices in Orissa at their existing places which were closed down in the year 1992 ?